TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 384 - SB 988

February 25, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes wineries, farm wineries, and manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to distill and fortify wine and blend the distilled or fortified wine with their products. Replaces the prohibition against rectifying wines pursuant to a winery license and authorizes a licensed winery to blend wine manufactured by the winery with other wine, fortified wine, or distilled wine. Authorizes wineries and farm wineries to sell wine to a licensed manufacturer and specifies that any product resulting from the blending, distilling, or fortifying of such wine is the product of the manufacturer. Authorizes a manufacturer, winery, or farm wine producer to transport wine from a winery or farm wine producer. Specifies all transactions between producers and wineries, farm wineries, and manufacturers of alcoholic beverages are not subject to taxation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Allowing manufacturers to purchase wine from Tennessee wineries and Tennessee farm wine producers to create a product that may result from blending, distilling, or fortifying such wine and to distill, blend, and fortify wine on behalf of a winery or farm wine producer will not significantly impact tax or licensing revenue.
- Any impact on overall sales of alcohol in Tennessee or operations of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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